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## <u>AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM FOR</u> LICENSE CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system that enables the creation and/or modification of license certificates for software products and simultaneously limits the ability of system programmers who operate license creation or modification tools from inadvertently or deliberately creating or modifying license certificates indiscriminately. An authorization tool, to which access is granted to only a selected number of individuals, establishes or sets criteria that defines the conditions subject to which license certificates can be created or modified, to serve the evolving and changing needs of a large number of software product users. An authorization enforcer tool monitors the license rights being created or modified and assures that the license rights and usage thereof are in compliance with the criteria set by the authorization tool.

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